LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: May 28, 2002 Work Session AGENDA ITEM NO.: 9

CONSENT: REGULAR: X CLOSED SESSION: (Confidential)

ACTION: X INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: Solid Waste Planning Issues - Timeline, Nonresidential User Fees & Semi-Automated

Refuse Collection

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve timeline for planning and possible implementation of changes to Solid Waste services and fees; Provide direction to City staff regarding adjustment of nonresidential user fees and changing to a semi-automated refuse collection service.

SUMMARY:

On April 9, 2002, representatives from Reed, Stowe and Yanke presented to City Council findings and recommendations for the Solid Waste Management programs. The consultants' recommendations included rate increases for commercial, industrial, sludge and tire disposal. Their report discussed switching from the manual collection of refuse to semi-automated collection.

Staff will make a complete presentation at the meeting.

PRIOR ACTION(S):

August 2001 - City Council directed staff to contract with a firm to conduct a comprehensive solid waste rate study.

April 9, 2002 - City Council directed staff to develop a timeline for possible implementation of the consultants' recommendations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Unknown at this time.

CONTACT(S):

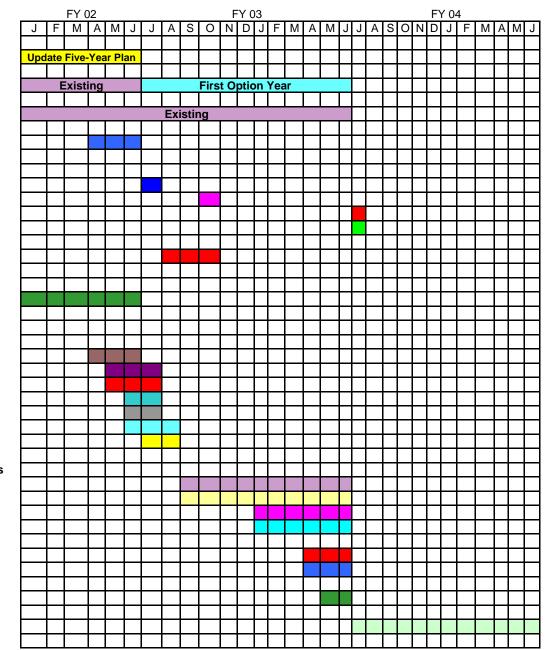
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ATTACHMENT(S):

"Draft" Solid Waste Planning Timeline

REVIEWED BY:

"Draft" Solid Waste Planning Timeline



Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan

Refuse Contract

Recycling Contract

"Rate" Study Discussion with Council

*Adjustment of Non-Residential User Fees

- Tires
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Sludge

Trash Decal Renewal Period

Residential Service

Evaluation of Refuse Collection System

- Data Collection
- Evaluating Equipment, Containers
- Evaluating Refuse Routes, Billing Software

Staff Presentations to Council

Council Review of Options

Council Direction

Citizen Input

- Citizen Meetings
- Public Hearings

Final Council Decision

The following steps are Contingent on Council's Decisions

Public Information Campaign

Purchase Equipment

Purchase Trash Containers

Purchase Billing Software

Distribute Public Info. to Households

- User Fee Information
- Route Notification/Changes

Household Container Distribution

City Provides Semi-Automated Collection

- (Commercial \$35.00 per ton beginning October 1, 2002)
- (Industrial \$35.00 per ton & Sludge \$31.17 per ton beginning July 1, 2003)

^{*} Recommended rates - (Tires - \$2.00 per tire for passenger car tires, \$4.00 per tire over 16" in size beginning July 1, 2002)